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Docket No.220.00040101IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Eric T. Kool)	Group Art Unit:	1623
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Serial No.:	09/483,337)	Examiner:	L.E. Crane
Confirmation No.:	8254)		
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Filed:	January 14, 2000)		
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For:	COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR NONENZYMATIC LIGATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND DETECTION OF GENETIC POLYMORPHISMS			

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop RCE
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination. Please enter and consider the following remarks.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed December 31, 2002 has been received and reviewed. The pending claims are claims 44-48, 50-54, and 56-60. For the Examiner's convenience, the pending claims are listed in clean form in Appendix A. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 44-48, 50-54, and 56-60 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner alleged that "[i]n claims 44, 50, and 56 beginning at line 4, the terms 'comprises' and 'comprising' render the

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.)

2. Miscellaneous

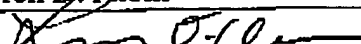
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

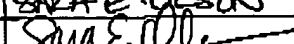
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- iii. ☒ Other any other necessary fee
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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X Small Entity Status is entitled to be asserted in the above-identified application.

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